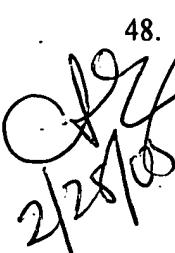


47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 46 further comprising the steps of:
upon receiving said continuation message, verifying, by said supervising program,
that a portion of said digitally signed guardian center continuation message is equal to
said corresponding portion sent in said call-up message ; and
upon successful verification, by said supervising program, allowing by said
supervising program continued use of said copy of software associated with said tag in
said tag table on said user device.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47 further comprising the step of:

upon failure of said verification, by said supervising program, of said portion of
said continuation message, initiating resending by said supervising program a-new said
call-up message to said guardian center .

49. Cancelled.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 49 46 further comprising the step steps of:
upon failing to receive said continuation message within a timeout period, said
supervising program resending said call up message to said guardian center; and
upon receiving said resent call-up message from said supervising program,
sending re-sending, by said guardian center, said stored continuation message previously
sent in response to the resent call-up message upon verifying that said received resent
call-up message equals said stored previously received call-up message.

51. (Currently Amended) The A method for supervising usage of software on a user device
comprising the steps of claim 46 wherein the step of verifying further comprises the step
of: